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Ethan Bedell was removed from office by a 12-4 vote of Class Council members.

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## Class Council Votes Out Sophomore VP

By Mark Agee  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Class Council voted on Jan. 28 to expel one of its members for not fulfilling his duties.

Ethan Bedell was sophomore class vice president until he was removed last week.

In a document the council handed out to members in the meetings before he was removed, Bedell allegedly violated the council's attendance policy several times and was late in handing in a report.

Bedell defended his job performance and claimed that he is the victim of an unfair system.

"I feel that I did my job," Bedell said. "I was kicked out as a result of meticulous check-listing of every move I made. They manipulated the rules to force me out."

The council document claims that Bedell missed two meetings, missed four office hours duties and handed a report in late. Jenny Moss, president of Class Council, said that the need to remove Bedell was self-evident.

"We felt that the reasons Ethan should be recalled were matters of hard fact and we weren't being unfair," Moss said. "Everyone, including Ethan, signed the attendance policy and agreed to it."

According to article six, section three of the Class Council constitution, an attendance policy must be established at the beginning of each year.

The current attendance policy allows a ten-minute grace period at the beginning of meetings before tardies are recorded and counts three tardies as an absence. There is no exact penalty stated in the constitution for excessive tardiness; it says only that recurring absence problems will be handled by the executive officers.

The council held a meeting to decide on Bedell's situation. According to the constitution, two-thirds of the council, or 11 members, have to vote to remove an officer.

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## Money, Combs, Master Plan On Next BOV Agenda

By John Spacek  
Bulletin Staff Writer

State funding, Combs Hall renovations and elements of the college's master plan to redesign the campus will be among the main topics discussed by the Board of Visitors at their upcoming meeting.

The board, a group of alumni that meets every other month and makes some of the most important decisions for the college, will hold a series of committee meetings on Friday, Feb. 12 and Saturday, Feb. 13 in the Red Room of the Woodard Campus Center.

In the Audit and Finance Committee meeting from 3:40 p.m. to 5 p.m., Midge Poyck, executive vice president and chief financial officer for the college, will give a summary of some funds the college will receive from the state.

According to Poyck, Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore has said that colleges need to reduce in-state tuition by 20 percent. To make up for the money colleges will lose by lowering tuition, Poyck said, the state will give MWC nearly \$1.5 million.

Also, Poyck said, the college is receiving \$380,000 to replace the voice-mail system so that it will work in 2000. The college is getting back another \$105,319 from the state, Poyck said, to make up for reductions

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## Campus Police Department Turmoil

### Suspended Officer Returns, Is Demoted

By Anna Jordan  
Bulletin Issues Editor

Former First Sergeant Steve Simmons has returned to the college police department after eight months on administrative leave and has been demoted to the position of police officer.

"I'm glad to be back at the police department. Things seem to be going well," said Simmons, who was contacted by Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of the students, about returning to the police department.

Both Chirico and Simmons declined to comment on the reason for the demotion or any specifics of the investigation.

Simmons, along with Police Director Greg Perry, was placed on administrative leave eight months ago, pending a state investigation into charges of discrimination. New developments in the case allowed for Simmons' return to the department.

"One component of the investigation is

closed," said George Gardner of the Virginia Department of Personnel and Training.

Gardner declined to comment on the part of the investigation that was closed or other components still being investigated. He said that the case was closed around Jan. 1.

Simmons would not comment on specific details of the case, but said, "[The investigation] went better than I thought it would go and I hope things in the future go better for us."

Simmons' demotion meant a cut in pay and a change in duties. His salary was cut from \$29,738 to \$27,204, effective Jan. 25, the date of his return.

"Because he is no longer a sergeant, he's no longer a shift supervisor," Chirico said. "If you're not a shift supervisor, you're not going to supervise any [people]," he said.

Chirico said Simmons will have the

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### Two Finalists Turn Down Offer For Chief Position

By Teresa Joerger  
Bulletin Staff Writer

College officials thought they were just weeks away from hiring a new campus police director, but say they have to lower their expectations, offer more money and start their search all over again.

Two candidates for the position turned down job offers from the college last week. A third candidate for the job was deemed unsuitable by college officials.

Midge Poyck, executive vice president and chief financial officer for the college, said that the position of campus police director will remain vacant for at least three more months.

The position has been vacant since Sept. 24, when former police director Greg Perry resigned. Perry had been on administrative leave and under investigation by the State Department of Personnel and Training since May.

The three candidates were chosen by Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, with the assistance of an outside police advisor. Two of the three were offered the position and both declined. Chirico had hoped that the new police director would start work by the end of February.

"We had two final candidates. As it turns out we couldn't meet their salary demands," Chirico said.

Chirico would not comment on the exact amount of the candidates' requests, but did say that there was a "significant difference" between the \$39,000 to \$41,000 offered and the amounts requested. At the time of his resignation, Perry's salary was \$44,406. Chirico said that one of these candidates would have been taking a pay raise and the other a pay cut from their current salaries.

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Above: Ralph Nader talks about his battle with the auto industry. Inset: His assistant, Lori Riley, sets out copies of Nader's book, "No Contest."



## Nader Tries To Move Students

By Mark H. Rodeffer  
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

Ralph Nader had the audience in Dodd Auditorium literally standing in the aisles Tuesday night as he talked about politics and consumer rights.

Nader visited Mary Washington College on Feb. 2, speaking to approximately 1,200 students. So many people showed up to see Nader that all the seats were filled and students, staff and community members stood all along the walls before the speech.

Nader, a political activist in Washington, D.C. and a 1996 presidential candidate on the Green Party ticket, rose to fame when he took on the automobile industry with his 1965 book, "Unsafe at Any Speed." His book brought to light the auto industry's unsafe products and exposed the dangers of General Motors' Corvair automobile.

Nader told the audience about the problems he found in the car industry and some of the safety features he lobbied the United States Congress to require car makers put in all automobiles, such as the collapsible steering wheel, which would reduce injuries to car crash victims.

"There were no safety standards," Nader said. "Auto company executives made the decision that in a collision between your chest and the steering column, your chest was going to give."

He also told the audience about how the car makers tried to strike back at him. He said that in 1966, during U.S. Senate hearings, private investigators hired by General Motors trailed Nader and tried to discredit him.

Despite the car makers' actions, Nader said, he succeeded in getting landmark motor safety laws passed in Congress, including the 1966 National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, which gave the federal government the power to enact safety standards for all cars in the United States. Nader said that his success shows that creating safety laws makes life better for consumers.

"In short, regulation can work. It can stimulate quality competition," he said. "It can force corporations to get safety systems off the shelves and into cars to save lives."

After talking about his battles against the automotive industry, Nader said that he thinks corporate America was having a negative impact on society beyond just unsafe products.

"[Children are] growing up corporate, instead of growing up civic," Nader said of corporate America's affect on the country's young people.

"Any society that has a concentration of wealth and power in too few hands gets itself into trouble," he continued. "Commercialism affects curriculum, religion, invades our children's lives and damages our sense of community."

Nader, who finished fourth in his 1996

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## Therapist Leaves, Psych Services Down To One

By Shawna Shepherd  
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

Another staff psychologist has put in his resignation and will be leaving the Psychological Services Center at the end of February, making this the second psychologist to leave this year, leaving only the director behind.

Despite a full client load, Barbara Wagar, director of Psychological Services, said the center is making sure the students will not be adversely affected by the lack of psychologists on staff.

"My goal is to have it affect them as little as possible," Wagar said.

Paul Isely, a resident in psychology who has been with the college for a little over a year, has resigned in order to pursue consulting work in the Washington, D.C. area. It's an offer, he said, he couldn't refuse.

"It was a difficult decision for me having worked a spectrum of clinical work that I have from working with the severely mentally ill to trauma victims to college students. I have found that college students engage very well in the process of therapy and grow very fast and are eager to change. It is very rewarding work," Isely said.

Isely's resignation comes not long after fellow staff psychologist Jan Altman left to pursue a career opportunity as a senior psychologist at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Wagar is in the process of finding a part-time psychologist from the Richmond-Washington, D.C. area



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Paul Isely left psychological services just months after another psychologist resigned.

to come in at least one day a week to make up for Isely and Altman's absence. In addition to the part-time help, Wagar said she will be increasing her hours.

According to Wagar, ads to fill both positions have been sent out and applications are due March 1, but it is unlikely the positions will be filled before the end of the semester.

During this time Wagar anticipates some delay for students who need to come to the center.

Adjustments will be made during this time at the center in order to minimize any negative effects on the students.

Efforts will be made such as screening incoming clients so the center can identify those who need immediate attention, and reducing visits for those who do not need to meet every week.

According to the 1997-98 Psychological Services Annual Report, the center saw close to 400 students between individual and group therapy as well as consultations. There were 262 individual therapy clients last year, according to Wagar, who each averaged four to five sessions.

Isely said his minimum case load each week is 25 clients, each at 50-minute sessions. Since the start of this year Isely has seen 81 clients, which is slightly higher than usual due to Altman leaving mid-year.

"It is a heavy workload. What it does unfortunately is you can't be as encompassing in terms of your overall work and outreach," Isely said.

Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of the students, said the workload is appropriate for a staff of two staff psychologists and a director for a college of this size.

"People are busy, but they manage," Chirico said. "You are expected to carry a client load and do some outreach and things like that. People don't go into becoming a clinician or service-oriented without knowing that it is hard work and that for six hours of the day that is what you are going to be doing."

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## Weekend Weather

Friday: Sunny. High 52. Low 30.  
Saturday: Showers. High 56. Low 36.  
Sunday: Showers. High 52. Low 34.



# Police Beat

By Nicole Ramer  
Bulletin Staff Writer

## LARCENY

• Jan. 27— A Police Information Report was filed because a student believed that the windshield of his car was cracked by someone while he was in class. Upon further investigation the police determined that his windshield was faulty.

## MISC.

• Jan. 27— At 10:30 p.m. Steven Cameli was arrested and charged with falsely summoning the Fire Department. This incident occurred on Dec. 3, 1998, but because the police needed a warrant he was not arrested until Jan. 27.

• Jan. 28— A student reported a suspicious person wandering around the vicinity of the Ball parking lot. The person is reported to be a 5'9" white male.

• Jan. 30— A resident assistant in Randolph Hall confiscated alcohol that was found in a resident's room. The Office of Residence Life is investigating the incident.

• Jan. 31— A resident assistant in Randolph Hall confiscated some alcohol that was found in a resident's room. The Office of Residence Life is investigating the incident.

# S.G.A. Beat

By Maylian Pak  
SGA Press Secretary

• Nominations for Executive Cabinet will take place on Feb. 17 in Senate. Elections will be held on Feb. 25. Executive Cabinet positions available are Student Government President, Student Government Vice President, Commuting Student Association President, Legislative Action Committee Chair, Academic Affairs Committee Chair, Honor Council President, Judicial Review Board President and Vice President and Association of Residence Halls President.

• Workshops for SGA Executive Cabinet positions will be held Friday, Feb. 4 at 5 p.m. and Feb. 10 at 4 p.m.. All candidates for executive office must attend one of the workshops.

• Voter Information Night will be Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Great Hall.

• Commuting student directories are available in the SGA office.

• In Senate, freshman Kristy Gasser moved that the Safety Committee look into getting more blue lights, or emergency call boxes that are connected to the police station, especially near the Jepson Science Center.

Senior Chris Hitzelberger moved that the Welfare Committee find out why the graduation platforms are in Ball Circle and if it would be possible to place them there at a time closer to the date they will be used.

Junior Ilan Chiprut moved that the Student Opinion Committee conduct of student concerns with the school.

Sophomore Kelly Turic moved that the Welfare Committee look into allowing overnight visitation in freshman residence halls all year long instead of just the second semester. All of the motions passed.



Compiled by Eric Tolbert

## Witnesses Give Depositions In Impeachment Trial

Three witnesses gave videotaped depositions this week in the United States Senate impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton. Former White House intern Monica Lewinsky testified for eight hours on Monday. Clinton's longtime friend Vernon Jordan gave a videotaped deposition on Tuesday and presidential aide Sidney Blumenthal gave a videotaped deposition on Wednesday.

Senators have watched the depositions but have not decided if they want the witnesses to give live testimony before the Senate or if they want to play tapes of the depositions for the public. Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Ore.) said that Lewinsky seems young and vulnerable but a credible witness, and he thinks she should give live testimony. Senators hope the trial will end by Feb. 12.

## Football Great Walter Payton Diagnosed With Rare Liver Disease

Legendary Chicago Bears running back Walter Payton was diagnosed with a rare liver disease and doctors say he needs an immediate liver transplant. Payton, 44, was diagnosed with primary sclerosing cholangitis, a rare disease which scars the bile ducts leading from the gall bladder to the liver. Payton's doctors said that without a liver transplant Payton is not expected to live more than two years. Payton holds the NFL career yardage record with 16,726 yards in 13 seasons.

## Broncos Win Super Bowl, Falcons Go Bust

Led by their future Hall of Fame quarterback John Elway, the Denver Broncos repeated as Super Bowl Champions with a convincing 34-19 victory over the Atlanta Falcons. Elway, who has said he will probably retire before the start of next season, was named the game's MVP. In a related story, Falcons safety Eugene Robinson was arrested the night before the Super Bowl for allegedly soliciting oral sex from an undercover police officer.

## Study Shows Sex Is Good For Immune System

A scientific study in the American Journal of Medicine has claimed that people who have sex once or twice every week are less likely to catch colds or flu than people who do not have sex regularly. However, doctors said, people who have sex more than three times a week are more likely to get a cold or flu than people who have less sex or no sex at all.

# Campus Information

• Poet Nap Turner will give a poetry reading entitled "Langston Hughes' View of the Blues" on Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. in Lee Hall Ballroom. The poetry reading is free. For more information call 654-1342.

"African-Americans and the Bible: Social Cultural Formation and Sacred Texts" on Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. in Monroe Hall room 104. The lecture is free. For more information call 654-1343.

• Violinist Vivien Hoffman will give a concert in Dodd Auditorium on Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. The concert is free. For more information call 654-1012.

• Class Council is holding Senior Countdown on Feb. 11 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Great Hall. The event will include entertainment and free food from area restaurants. The countdown is free to seniors. For more information call 654-1135.

• Family Productions, a local performing group, will perform a musical entitled "My God, Your God" on Feb. 13 from 6-8 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium. Tickets cost \$15 for non-students, \$5 for students and staff. For more information call 654-1044 or 891-1347.

• The Second City Comedy Tour, a Canadian comedy troupe whose former members include John Candy and Martin Short, will perform in Dodd Auditorium on Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$3 for non-students and \$1 for students. Tickets will be on sale at the door. For more information call 654-1140.

• Vincent L. Wimbush, professor of new testament and Christian origins at the Union Theological Seminary in New York City, will give a lecture entitled

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opportunity to apply for the position of first sergeant when the department advertises statewide next month. Simmons said that he is happy in his new position and that he has no plans to apply for his old job.

"I'm doing the same thing I was doing when I was a first sergeant. I just don't have to worry about any of the duties," he said. "It's a relief not to be a supervisor. I have no desire to be a supervisor."

Simmons said he is unsure if he plans to file any legal action against the college for his suspension.

"We'll see how things are going. I have 30 days to make that decision," he said.

According to Simmons, he was only contacted a few times by the college regarding personnel issues during his administrative leave.

"I got the impression that everyone thought (Perry and I) knew what was going on," he said. Simmons said he has been accepted well by other members of the police department.

"I hope they select a new chief as soon as possible to get things back on an even keel so we can get things going," he said.

*"[The investigation] went better than I thought it would go."*

— Steve Simmons  
police officer

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officer. Jaime Dowdy, secretary and treasurer of the council, said that the vote was 12 to four in favor of removing Bedell.

While Moss defended the council's decision to fire Bedell, not everyone in the council agreed with the move. Some of the four dissenting members said they thought the penalty was too harsh for the infractions listed. Cathy Scarola, senior class president, and Travis McCoy, senior class vice president, said that in their four years on the council, they had seen more serious violations go unpunished.

"In the four years that I have been on class council this [recall] has never happened," McCoy said.

Scarola said that she does not believe the punishment fit the crime.

"I felt that this was an extremely severe consequence," Scarola said. "I do not feel that Class Council should have recalled him. In order for me to vote for recall in good conscience, I would have to believe strongly that Ethan had dishonored his office and all of us."

Senior Shannon McGuire, publicity chair for the senior class, said that the decision was fair and that every other option had been exhausted before the council voted to remove Bedell.

Moss explained that she warned Bedell about the possible consequences for his actions.

"I had a meeting with him and told him he was being put on a probationary period," Moss said. "He was told the conditions he would have to meet to keep his position as sophomore class vice president."

Moss said that the final straw came when Bedell still turned a report in over a month late.

Steven Stageberg, associate professor of economics and advisor to Class Council for 15 years, sided with Moss. He said the decision was simply an issue of the rules being broken.

"[Class Council] set up the standards and you have to follow them," Stageberg said. "When someone does not follow them the recall would be the natural course to follow."

Bedell said the rules were too strict and compared Moss to Joseph Stalin.

"The rules were very rigid and inflexible," Bedell said. "I was recalled because of a series of bad circumstances."

McCoy said that the power exercised in this case may have been exercised unwisely.

"I think kicking someone off Class Council for something as arbitrary as this could definitely have an effect on how we perform our duties," McCoy said.

Moss admitted that there was a concern that Class Council rules had become very rigid, but she said that the council is taken a lot more seriously now and the expectations of the office are higher.

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"We will be advertising the position again. Likely, it will be another three months before the new search is completed and a replacement hired and on board," Poysk said.

Chirico said he will be reevaluating the advertisement for the position of Police Director. The new ad will change the minimum requirements for applicants and list different background requirements. He said that the salary range will not be changed.

The changes are the result of reviewing the applications received during the first search for a new director. Many of the 50 initial applicants felt that their background qualifications warranted a higher salary than what was offered, according to Chirico.

Since Perry's resignation, Lt. Leigh Collins has filled as acting director in addition to her regular duties. Collins said that she will continue to serve as director while the new search is being conducted.

# Alumni Fighting To Save Mary Washington Name

By Lena Penalosa  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Two weeks ago, MWC alumna Martha Fay created a web page in response to hundreds of e-mails from concerned students and alumni about the proposed name change.

Fay, a 1996 graduate, first heard about the name change issue at Homecoming last October.

According to Fay, information regarding the name change was difficult to locate. Only after several weeks of investigating did she receive the information she wanted, sometime in November.

Once Fay acquired the proposed timetables for deciding the issue, she mailed them to 10 alumni with whom she had kept in touch and by the end of the week had 300 responses in her e-mail box, including one from a 1954 alumna.

"That is when I realized I wasn't the only one concerned," Fay said.

Fay's first response was a petition to prevent the name change. By late December over 300 people had signed the petition, and Fay promises more to come.

An overwhelming response for more information made a web page seem to Fay to be the best way to accurately, quickly and inexpensively distribute information.

The page, entitled "There's Something About Mary Washington" (<http://members.tripod.com/savemwc/>), contains a brief statement addressing the issue, its history, information about recent Board of Visitors meetings, an option for students and alumni to add their names to the petition, and a listing of recent newspaper articles and media attention on the issue.

Fay said that news of the web page has traveled slowly, because anyone who is not a current student, faculty or administration member cannot post announcements on the college's internet message board.

Previously, Fay had used the campus network to notify students of her concerns. She said that she posted a message on the college's message board last semester notifying students of the name change issue and the circulating petition.

However, Fay said that she can no longer post messages because anyone wishing to post a message must be a student, faculty or administration member.

Ranny Corbin, executive assistant to the president, said that if Fay's notice was posted last semester, it was accidental. Corbin said visitors can no longer post messages on the internet message board because it has become too much for Susan Nick, director of campus events, to handle.

According to Nick, only students, faculty, and administrators can post messages, and visitors were never allowed to do so.

"No visitors can post a notice, and this has always been the policy," Nick said.

Fay said her goal is simply to help people make informed decisions. She said the web page is a place to read the information, "not a place to jump a band wagon."

"Our intention hasn't been to vilify the administration or President Anderson," Fay said.

Alumna Erica Blair is also volunteering her time to publicize the new web page through mailings which will target those without access to e-mail.

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# OPINIONS

## Why Won't They Tell Us About Our Cops?

### Administrative Silence Harms All Of MWC

The recent "scandal" involving two Mary Washington College police officers may or may not be over, but one truth has remained constant throughout this investigation: that the administration has kept the people of MWC in the dark. These are the only people who know what actually happened (or is still happening), and they will not say a word. This is most unfortunate, because this school belongs to the students and faculty/staff. They pay to go here, they give their time and energy working here, and they have a right to know. This issue, like this school, does *not* belong solely to a few administrators.

Here are the few facts that the people of MWC do know:

Former first sergeant Steve Simmons has returned after eight months on forced leave, and has accepted a demotion to regular officer. So why was he forced to leave his job for nearly a year? No one will say. The residents of MWC hear the word 'discrimination' tied to Simmons, but that is a vague term that could mean anything. As for his demotion, well, once again we are in the dark. We don't know why he was demoted or who ordered it. Obviously, this was a disciplinary action, but not a severe one. This might indicate that Simmons was medium-bad, or just half-bad, in his actions.

Meanwhile, former Police Director Greg Perry has disappeared like a Mafia informant. It appears that he will not be returning at all. Recent rumors have indicated that he may even sue MWC. If this man is intending on suing the college, and did something so bad that he will not be returning at all, then perhaps the people at the college should know what this all about.

But no administrator will tell the people anything. Instead, there is a long list of folks who will say nothing.

Certainly this silence was directed from somewhere at the top. And that's fine. It just isn't right. A situation where a few administrators deny the rest of campus information is just not in following with the spirit of this institution. Here we have a few people withholding information from the rest of the college, information that is clearly important.

That's right, information about the campus police is absolutely important to the college community as a whole. These officers protect us when we need them, and they hurt our wallets when we don't need them (i.e. when parking a car). They could be the difference between a serious crisis and a fatal one on any given day. So don't think for one minute that MWC doesn't need to know what is going on with these people.

Often, MWC is told that these are "personnel matters," and that the administration does not discuss personnel matters. That's hogwash. These are campus police officers who have been suspended and demoted, not some employees who might be gambling addicts or who might be cross-dressers. This is serious, college-wide business.

The people of MWC need to know what is going on, and they need to know soon, or else another issue will arise, and no one will say anything about that one, either.

## Going To See Nader Isn't Enough

### MWC Students Actually Need To Do Something, Not Just Sign Lists

By Eric Grynaviski  
Guest Columnist

I am writing in regards to the massive student response to Ralph Nader's recent lecture. Many students (and others) came to pack Dodd Auditorium.

This confused me, considering that as a senior, I have rarely, if ever, seen students do what may be considered socially responsible.

The amount of student involvement in any issues concerning social conscience approximates to zero.

True, we do have a Gallery of Voices and a river cleanup. So? We go to a school that refuses to take the steps necessary to create a diverse campus, and except for the whining, students do nothing.

Talk to me about the river cleanup after the students that listened to a speech about responsibility learn to pick up fliers that are given to them.

After Tuesday night's speech there were hundreds of "Impeach Clinton" fliers on the floor.

I refuse to believe that the students that came last night and signed the lists will actually help out with anything.

Instead, I believe that if a consumer advocacy group does form, it will last a month, never do anything public and then whittle away. Why?

Clearly the idea of students becoming involved is a good one. But students still aren't getting involved. The blame can only be placed on the students' shoulders (this including myself).

We have learned to forget that the issues that we should be involved in are not only about us.

A computer science major that doesn't give a damn about anything but graduating and making cash forgets that the cash comes from somewhere.

The cash comes from other businesses, but more importantly the cash comes from the people who have to buy the goods at the bottom of the line.

True, this is not where most of the money comes

from, but these are the people who need it the most.

In a school that is including pre-law as a focus even in the philosophy major, Nader's plea to contextualize education will fall on deaf ears.

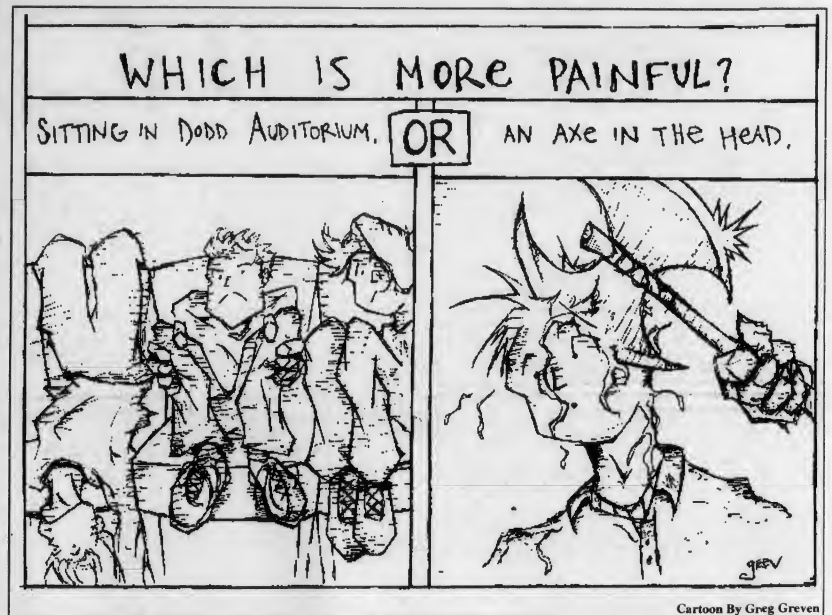
Most students don't care about the humanities past what it means in the job market.

One paper written last year by a group of activist students showed the hypocrisy. They touted Critical Theory and argued for massive student protest on social concerns.

I even heard that some attended one trendy demonstration and that is all that happened. No one cares. Those students really showed that the paper was only "academic."

We are apathetic. We are cogs. There is no use trying to develop an intellectual climate

—Eric Grynaviski is a senior.



Cartoon By Greg Greven

## Letters to the Editor

### The Wood Co. Must Change Its Ways

Editor:

Ponder this: A dinner at Seacobeck costs over \$6! But, what does this extreme amount of money really buy us?

It gets our silverware and plastic tray, which were washed in special water imported from the Ganges River, a vast selection of entrees ranging from saturated starch cakes to supersaturated starch cakes with chunky fish syrup, and a hearty array of poultry dishes that are always on display.

These chicken delights are emphatically deep fried four or five times in motor oil and sprinkled with breakfast cereal—except for the ominous "Jamaican Jerk Chicken."

After selecting the dinner, which usually consists of rhino-skin jello and brown carbonated water masquerading as Dr. Pepper, one will spend the next several hours searching for a place to sit and eat his meal; Tokyo has a lower population density.

Occasionally there are entertaining gladiatorial battles over mozzarella sticks, but the end is always anticlimactic—usually a lacrosse player and his white-Nike-wearing cohorts simply take the entire meal steam tray and inject the succulent, fried cheese directly into their jugular.

Yes, six bucks buys MWC college students all this: a spread that would appall Hannibal Lecter

and a side of green apple trots to boot.

Let's face the facts. Wood catering, a subsidiary of Kaopecate, serves food the average Somali would not touch—not to mention that selling your soul to Satan would cost less.

There is definitely a problem with this mean cuisine when a McRib looks appetizing in comparison, and strappin' on the old feed bag at Jack In The Box causes less stomach problems than a bagel.

Doing a little bit of consumer investigation yields proof that the Wood Company is exploiting the students. Example: at Giant, a grocery store that is not known for undercutting the competitor's price, sales wonderful prepackaged fruits and vegetables that come with the appropriate dipping sauce and feature highly-marketable Loony Toons characters.

The Eagles Nest carries this product for roughly \$1.50 to \$1.95. Wow, that's cheap, you say? Well, considering the same product runs about 70 cents at Giant, Wood tacked on a considerable markup. Even Boss Tweed would be outraged.

There is no escape, and that's the worst realization. As students we are constrained to eat the scrapple that Wood throws at us under our meal plan. We're at the mercy of Wood to provide with a reliable service, yet all they provide is sickness.

Our bowels are in their hands and

### Campus Hero Deserves Praise For Rescue Effort

Editor:

I am responding to John Spacek's article "Former Housekeeping Director Passes Away" (1/28/99).

I think that the bravery and courage that Mark Carnihan showed in his attempt to revive Charles Coleman was incredible.

This certainly proves that Mary Washington students can display acts of courage and selflessness.

I truly respect the way in which he was able to realize what was happening and the way in which he responded to the situation that he

encountered.

The death of Coleman is certainly a tragedy and he will be missed by his family. But I for one am glad to see the way in which a fellow student attempted to do a good deed for a fellow human being.

This action is the kind that makes me proud to be a student of Mary Washington College.

There must be more that we can do for Carnihan. I mean, a letter from President Anderson is nice, but I think that Carnihan deserves more for his courage.

I hope that more students will follow Mr. Carnihan's lead and be able to act with such courage and immediacy in such situations.

Matt Clizis  
Sophomore

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# FEATURES

## Life In Ireland Sheds New Light Junior Spends The Year In Galway

By Mary Larkin  
Special to the Bulletin

Since my arrival in Ireland in September, I have had so many experiences that it is hard to sum everything up in a few words. Studying in Ireland is hardly a lesson in culture shock, that is for certain.

Everyone at my university speaks English, and the Irish people look and generally behave no differently than your average American.

The longer I live here, however, the more I realize that my life has changed so much in the past few months that the real culture shock will be my return to Mary Washington College.

Living as a student in Galway has been more different than I expected it to be.

The most noticeable difference between Fredericksburg and Galway is that in Galway, there is always something to do at night. I have heard it said that every other door in Galway is a pub. While that is not entirely accurate, it isn't so far from the truth either.

Students rarely sit in their accommodations and consume mass quantities of cheap alcohol from plastic cups. Instead, they go out to the pub and consume mass quantities of alcohol out of pint glasses. When the pubs close at half-past eleven, there are plenty of discos open until three in the morning where the party continues, if you're still standing.

Irish students hardly go out every night of the week (that's usually the American students overzealous that they can legally drink here, but surely they know better how to have a good time. When you've had fun, it's called 'good

cratic,' and the Guinness definitely tastes better on this side of the Atlantic.

Another new experience for me was meeting my Irish relatives. I have a cousin Niall who lives in Galway and the first time we met, it was like looking at a long lost brother. The family resemblance was so striking that his sister Roisin recognized me off the bus from a picture she saw of my grandmother that was taken when my grandmother was 19.

I saw the farm where she grew up before she left for America, the one room school house she attended through high school and the village church that my great-grandfather built in the village of Curraghboy.

There was also a graveyard where headstones from the eighteenth century bore my family name. A smaller graveyard on top of a hill called the 'lisheen' was where my ancestors buried deceased children during the famine when no one could afford a proper burial. The only thing marking its place was a pile of stones.

The most astounding differences I have found between the United States and Ireland have been more pertaining to the politics of the day. Being a political science student, I spent all of last semester studying the history and current politics of the Northern Ireland conflict. Not until I took a weekend to visit Belfast did the reality of the situation become clear.

Everyone from home that I mentioned Belfast to voiced concerns about me



Courtesy of Caroline Nichols  
**Mary Larkin's junior year has taken place in Galway, Ireland.**

'blowing up' or 'getting shot' and other such ignorant statements. I never feared either occurrence the entire time I was there but nonetheless, the city is filled with grim reminders of its turbulent political history.

The official cease-fire, after all, is barely one year running. The police cars, for instance, look more like tanks with regular wheels; they are fully armored and patrol even the picturesque downtown areas where there are no cars permitted for fear of car bombings.

If you want to hire a taxi cab you have to choose one depending on if your destination is located in a Protestant or Catholic neighborhood. Any sort of mix ups, I was told by locals, will not only yield a harsh refusal but sometimes physical violence.

Although downtown Belfast and the areas surrounding Queens University are both beautiful and safe, the less affluent neighborhoods lie not very far away. These neighborhoods have, in the past, served as a battleground for sectarian violence between Catholic Nationalist groups, like the IRA, and Protestant Unionist groups. I was fortunate

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## MWC Writers Society Brings Creativity Back To MWC

By Carolyn Leskowitz  
Bulletin Staff Writer

The Poetry/Fiction Reader Series Committee is being "resurrected" this semester under the sponsorship of Claudia Andrews, assistant professor of English, and will now be known as the MWC Writers Society.

The newly formed group will be working towards the funding and organization of readings and lectures by published authors for the Mary Washington College and Fredericksburg communities. The Writers Society is also trying to enrich the writing community of the college by promoting and supporting student-oriented activities.

"We want to have an active writing community outside of creative writing classes," said Andrews.

The Writers Society will also be reviving and sponsoring the Underground Writers Workshop, which will meet every Wednesday between 8 and 9 p.m. in the Underground. This workshop is designed as a forum for MWC's creative writers to discuss everything from individual works to problems young writers face and methods to get through them.

The society has tentatively scheduled an "open mic" night on Feb. 17 in the Underground and hopes to have many more. The long-term goals of the society are to set up means with which to bring in writers from many different professions, inside and out of the academic world, as a means to explore and share the expertise and styles of authors as well as opportunities in the job world as a creative writer. The group also is working towards attracting published poets for poetry month readings in April.

According to Andrews, the Poetry/Fiction Reader Series Committee used to bring in four to five authors each year. That club eventually floundered due to a possible lack of faculty leadership.

Junior Lydie Kane, a member of the former club, is currently working with Andrews in the club's revival. She feels it is important for the club to be reinstated because it gives young writers important opportunities.

"A lot of writers are frustrated and feel they have no outlet for their work, so it is appealing for students who are genuinely interested in writing, and also hopefully sparks an interest in others," said Kane.

The club is currently awaiting approval from the Inter Club Association, but planning is already underway and any students interested in joining are welcome. Andrews stresses that "writers are everywhere."

Students from every major are encouraged to join the club because creative writing is not only found in the English department, but is a part of every discipline. Andrews describes the club as a "great way to be part of a community of writers," and anyone interested in being a part of this club's revival can attend the next meeting, to be held Wednesday at 7:20 in the Underground.

Andrews is herself a published author and will be reading from her book "Pharaoh, Pharaoh" this Friday at 8:15 in the Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts, 813 Saphia St. For more information please call the Center at 373-5646.

**First meeting tomorrow at 7:20 in the Underground**



**Claudia Andrews has resurrected the poetry/fiction club at MWC.**



## Radio Station's Goals Not Yet A Reality

By Lindsey Flaherty  
Assistant Features Editor

The installation of radiating cable was intended to bring the sounds of WMWC to all of the dorms on campus. In many cases, however, there is only static or silence and the installation is nearly complete for a large portion of the campus.

Voice services has been overseeing the installation and Facilities Services has been conducting the installation.

Currently the radiating cable has been installed in New, Madison, and Virginia Halls and installation in Ball and Custis should be completed by the weekend, according to Linda Maple, voice services manager.

Sally Bean, the station's technical director, said that the cable has been tested in Virginia Hall but that they were unable to pick up the station. Kevin Catarino, a resident of New Hall, said that he has been unable to pick up the station anywhere in New.

"We are unsure why the cable is not working, but all of the parties involved are very concerned about the radiating cable being a success," said Olivia Synnott, the station manager.

Thus far the project has cost more than \$15,000, which was appropriated to WMWC by the Finance Committee. Bernard Chirico, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs, is currently working to get the money for the radiating cable and students are encouraged to e-mail Chirico and ask that their dorm be the next to get radiating cable, said Natalie Illum the station manager for 1998.

"The radiating cable will allow the station to be picked up in any dorm room on campus, which is a vast improvement from only hearing the station while in the Eagles Nest," said Synnott.

Former DJ Adam Benenak agreed that the radiating cable would be a vast improvement.

"I think that the radiating cable will be pretty cool. I had a show from noon to two p.m. on Sundays last spring and no one heard it because the Eagles Nest doesn't even open until two," said Benenak, a junior.

The radio station was started as a club in 1939. In 1995 the station switched from 540 AM to 91.5 cable FM. The cable FM was more effective than AM, but it required the resident to call the station and request the

installation of the cable in their dorm room. This process is time consuming and only some stereos can be connected.

Radiating cable "leaks" the frequency so that the station can be picked up by any radio in a dorm that has the cable, according to Bean.

According to Synnott, today the station has nearly 80 DJs with shows that are three or two hours long. Some DJs choose to work together on shows or to do specialty shows. These specialty shows are an effective way of rewarding responsible DJs.

"The station also offers interviews of bands that come to our school and the area. This fall we interviewed the Ben Swift Band and McGraw Gap. Last year we interviewed Run DMC and the Indigo Girls," Synnott said.

The Eagles Nest has always been supportive of the radio station and this semester it will provide a list of DJs, their show times and maybe even pictures of the DJs in order to promote listenership, according to Synnott.

With the completed installation of radiating cable every person living on campus will be able to listen to WMWC. The radiating cable should be completely installed by the spring of 2000 and will increase the station's listenership by up to 80 percent.

The station is headed in a new direction with the implementation of radiating cable. For these changes to work, things at the station will need to improve. This semester things are going to be much more strict, as DJs will have to play more of the playlist, make sure that the songs they play are clean and consistently show up for their shows.

The playlist includes newer CDs that have to be kept in high rotation. DJs can choose from many CDs on the playlist and they have to play five playlist songs for every 10 non-playlist songs, according to Chandra DasGupta, the music director and a Bulletin staff member.

"Since we will be heard all over campus and not just in the Eagles Nest or by the few with cable FM, there will no longer be room for error," said DasGupta.



## Givin' Blood

**This past Thursday, Jan. 28, MWC students came to the Great Hall to participate in the American Red Cross blood drive.**

## VACU Reaches Out To Those In Need

By Dana Angell  
Bulletin Staff Writer

On Saturday, Nov 14, six MWC Virginia Credit Union workers headed off on an hour-long trek to the Moorcroft Orchard in Orange County. There they picked 1,200 pounds of apples off of the ground.

Were they just really hungry? No, Angela Lengyel, Shannon Blevins, James Tsantes, Kerry Flynn, Jessica Rhodes and Lauren Oviatt spent the day collecting food for the less fortunate.

After the harvest season ends, the apples and other fruits that have fallen off of the tree are left to rot. The VACU workers joined local church and student volunteer groups that morning to glean fruits that would otherwise be wasted.

The MWC students were surprised by the amount of apples that covered the forest floor. In fact, there were so many that the group actually had trouble walking through the orchard.

"It was very treacherous," said Lengyel, a senior. "We had to be careful not to slip on the apple-riid ground."

The bags of fruit that they had picked were then placed on a truck that took the food to the Society of St. Andrews Gleaning Network. This organization distributed the apples to needy families and homeless

shelters around the Richmond area.

With so many apples around, the VACU members were even able to take some home with them. The volunteers stuffed their pockets with as much fruit as they could before they headed home.

"This is the first [community service project] that we've done as students," said Blevins, a senior. "The point of the trip, besides benefitting the less fortunate, was to strengthen the working relationship between member service representatives and the advisory board of the MWC credit union."

According to Blevins, the members of the advisory board are more of an administrative sector of the branch in charge of public relations. It handles advertising to promote activities and works with administrators on any concerns that the branch may have.

Natalie Baker, marketing manager for colleges and universities for VACU, describes



Courtesy of VACU  
**VACU employees and volunteers Angela Lengyel, Lauren Oviatt, James Tsantes, Jessica Rhodes, Shannon Blevins and Kerry Flynn stuff their pockets full of apples as they help out the less fortunate with a day of apple gleaning.**

the jobs of the advisory board.

"[The advisory board] acts as a liaison between the college community and the VACU," said Baker. "They help with marketing ideas and make sure that we are helping as much as we can."

The apple picking trip was the first in a potential series of community service-oriented activities. The Richmond Branch of the VACU sponsors many activities throughout the year, and the MWC Branch would like to imitate that.

## The Bullet Time Capsule

## A Look Back to Feb. 17, 1969

## The "Lady" Myth

By Bev Alexander

Some years ago it was widely agreed that Mary Washington College performed a much greater service to the state of Virginia than that of educating its women. In the space of four years this fine women's college transformed an entering freshman into a fine Southern lady.

Gone were all the nasty habits she had picked up during the 18 years before she came to MWC. She emerged, at graduation, a refined lady schooled in all the fine points of the genteel way of life.

Alas, those days now belong to the ages! A girl entering Mary Washington College today can expect to graduate with all of her former vices, as well as many new ones, intact.

It is no longer frowned upon for the women of Mary Washington College to wear slacks, the ultimate sign of poor taste. If the truth be heard, there are probably as many girls at this college who attire themselves in this abominable fashion as there are those who dress with the care and good taste of their mothers and grandmothers. It is enough to make our poor dear Mary Washington roll over in her grave.

No longer are the women of Mary Washington College expected to conduct themselves in a manner becoming their sex. The most glaring proof of this is the recent rally fifty

students participated in that culminated in a march to George Washington Hall.

These rude girls had the audacity to call on the Chancellor, uninvited, and interrupt his dinner hour to voice complaints about issues that it does not become them even to discuss: discrimination, the calibre of professors, and individual rights.

A further example of the unladylike militancy of the women of this college is the recent demonstration in support of the obscene language in the underground newspaper.

Anyone with the least bit of good taste should have seen that it was not a question of free press or censorship or any of that malarkey, but merely a question of propriety.

Who did those girls think they were, that they knew more about propriety than our fine administration?

When will the women of this college learn that polite intercourse in an open atmosphere of communication such as we have here will bring others to think more highly of

them than brash confrontation.

The final blow to Virginia womanhood came when some students at this college dared to defile the name of Jesus Christ. This outrageous irreverence can not be justified in terms of Christian or any other kind of radicalism. These leftists will latch on to anyone whom they believe will lend a good name to their cause.

Who are we kidding? There is no place in the world today for women, or ladies, whose function is purely ornamental. Girls no longer come to college to be

"finished," or if they do they shouldn't.

The college or university is an institution of learning whose purpose is to enrich its students, both intellectually and emotionally. It lends itself to questioning, not only in the academic realm, but also in that of politics, religion and human rights. None of these things is unassailable; not the traditions of the college, not the policies of the administration, not even Jesus Christ.

**No longer are the women of Mary Washington College expected to conduct themselves in a manner becoming their sex.**

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enough to meet a friend in Belfast who offered to show me around these areas in his car (a much safer option, of course).

The first neighborhood he took me to was the Shankill, one of the Protestant neighborhoods; next was the Falls Road, a Catholic community. These two communities are separated by a tall green wall covered in barbed wire, ironically named the 'peace wall.' It was built to prevent and monitor traffic between these communities at the height of the 'troubles' during the 1970s and '80s.

Although passage is no longer limited, the wall still stands. In both communities there was a noticeable degree of poverty.

Buildings and homes were run-down and the main streets depressed. Some pubs had been rebuilt several times after bombings and shootings destroyed them over the years. Barbed wire covers the windows and porches of houses and any available wall space is painted with a political mural.

Depending on what neighborhood you are in, the murals might plea for a release of political

prisoners or use symbols and pointed words to convey a political stance. Sometimes the pictures and symbols have very violent themes and all are very suggestive of a clearly divided society.

Even the police station resembled a military fortification with a twelve foot wall covered in barbed wire surrounding it and bars over all the windows.

Underneath, a mural of three men in ski masks wielding machine guns were three little boys riding bikes. A poem on the mural described the intent to murder Catholics for whatever reason.

That sight is what really hit home to me. Now I can never stop thinking about what it is like for those kids to grow up in such deep hatred. I wonder what those kids know about the peace, safety, and physical security we all enjoy in our daily lives. I wonder if they'll ever have that.

My friend, who grew up near Belfast, offered to tell me if he had any allegiance to one side or the

other. Out of politeness, you simply don't ask or discuss these things. What we both agreed to was how completely sad the whole thing is for everyone involved.

Regardless of whatever political agreement is made, neither side seems to be winning from what I could tell that day.

Through my experience in Ireland, I have learned that there is certainly more to this country than good beer, and more to the world than what I have learned in America. I have met new family, seen the most beautiful landscapes I could ever imagine, learned a lot about myself and the world, and have come to realize how grateful I should be for the life I lead.

There is a lot to learn here in Galway, and anywhere else in the world, I suppose. The nice thing about being here, though, is that if the learning ever stresses you out—there's always the pub on campus for a lively study break. A far cry from the Eagles Nest, I'd say.

## THUMBS

a features column by the Bullet staff

UP



to Ralph Nader's inspiring speech

DOWN



to the people who left in the middle of Nader's speech—not only were you disrespectful, but you distracted those of us who wanted to hear what he had to say

UP



to the new equipment in the weight room—it is about time

DOWN



to the fact that AOL instant messenger doesn't work on our network

UP



to the groundhog who didn't see his shadow—spring is near

DOWN



to the new receipts at the Eagles Nest—is the Honor Code still in effect anywhere on campus?

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# SPORTS

## Eagle Tennis Teams Face An End To An Era Spring Season Will Be The Last For Hegmann And Gordon As Tennis Coaches

By Jeff Graham  
Bulletin Assistant Sports Editor

Mary Washington tennis will have a new look starting in the fall in 1999, as men's head coach Roy Gordon and women's head coach Ed Hegmann will be resigning from their positions at the conclusion of the current spring season. Todd Helbling and Cindy Vander Berg have been named as the new men and women's coaches.

Gordon and Hegmann both feel that, due to their other responsibilities at MWC, they no longer will be able to devote the amount of time necessary to fulfill their coaching duties. Gordon is also the head coach of men's soccer, and Hegmann is MWC's director of athletics.

"Tennis is potentially an all-year sport and quality players would like to have that kind of program. It was just something that was not possible at MWC considering my position as men's soccer coach," Gordon said.

"It has become too much. I felt that I wasn't giving enough time to

either side of my responsibilities. It was time for me to let go," Hegmann said.

Both coaches will be leaving behind successful programs.

Gordon, in his 22nd year as coach, has led the men's tennis team to a 94-47 record in the 1990s. In that span, the team captured three state titles, five conference championships and an NCAA Tournament birth in 1997.

In his 23rd year, Hegmann has turned women's tennis into one of MWC's most accomplished programs. Under his direction, the Eagles have compiled an outstanding record of 373-152-1, including three national championships in 1982, 1988 and 1993. Hegmann was named the Division III National Coach of the Year in 1988.

"It's going to be a loss. He knew his stuff and he will be missed," said sophomore player Emily Patterson.

Hegmann said that seeing the growth of his players is going to be the thing he will miss most.

"What I'm going to miss about coaching is seeing someone come into MWC with a level of talent and sophistication and personal growth,

and then seeing that person four years later, and four years after that, and so on," he said.

"I'm really going to miss that

**"It has become too much. I felt I wasn't giving enough time to either side of my responsibilities. It was time for me to let go."**

**—Ed Hegmann,  
director of athletics**

because that's what fills you up, that's what makes you go and gives you your rewards. It's not the trophies and the wins; it's personal growth and development of the players," said Hegmann.

"You always miss the relationships with the players, but that's part of coaching," Gordon said.

Tennis player Jay Nelson, a junior,

has been coached by Gordon for three seasons. He said he respects Gordon's decision to leave.

"I was disappointed and I know it was a hard decision [for Gordon] to make, but I think it is definitely good for the program," Nelson said.

Because new coaches will undoubtedly need time to prepare themselves for their new positions and to recruit for the 1999 fall season, Hegmann said he wanted the decision on the new staff to be made as quickly as possible.

"We conducted our searches and had interviews starting in October and named our people," he said.

After Gordon and Hegmann informed their players that they would be stepping down, they allowed the players to help decide on who their new coaches will be.

"They were a part of the interview process to name the new coaches. We do that with all our searches," Hegmann said.

The new men's coach, Helbling, has an impressive background in collegiate tennis, both as a player and a coach. Helbling is a graduate of Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss.,



Karen Pearlman/Bullet  
**Ed Hegmann (pictured with last year's team) has won three national championships at MWC.**

where he played tennis for four years, being nationally ranked in his junior and senior seasons.

He spent six years as assistant coach of the men's and women's

programs at Washington College in Maryland. He also spent one year at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania, serving as the head

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## Women's Basketball Team Shoots Back After Firing Blanks Against Catholic

By Nicole Ramer  
Bulletin Staff Writer

The women's basketball team went 1-1 during their first week without starting forward Erin Caulfield.

The Eagles started the week playing Catholic, who came into the game winless in the Capitol Athletic Conference. The game appeared to be perfect contest for the team to play right after Caulfield's injury. Unfortunately, the game turned out to be a shooting disaster for MWC, which shot 16 for 65 from the field, including a dismal 1 of 17 from 3-point range.

"I thought we shot very poorly as a team. I just hope that it doesn't happen again," said head coach Connie Gallahan.

MWC had the lead at halftime 25-22, but because of poor shooting, the team struggled against a streaky Catholic squad. Catholic outscored MWC 27-16 the second half of play, leaving the Eagles stunned at the end of the game. The final score was 49-41.

"I'm not sure what it was, but we just couldn't get the ball to go into the basket that night," said senior guard Andrea Sellers.

"We went into that game a little overconfident, because they had not won any conference games, so I think that played a part in it," said sophomore center Helen Huley. "Also, the fact that it was our first game without Erin made it a little difficult for us to adjust."

After the loss to Catholic, the Eagles were looking to redeem themselves in a

tough conference game against St. Mary's. Last year, MWC lost to St. Mary's in the conference championship, but came back and beat them in the first round of the NCAAAs.

"Coming off a loss from Catholic we were looking to come back and get a win. It really felt good to be able to get that win against a team who wanted to beat us as badly as St. Mary's did," said Sellers.

Last Saturday, MWC played an aggressive St. Mary's squad and beat them 51-48. Although MWC was down by three points at halftime, the team rallied to give St. Mary's its third loss in conference play. Three players—Sellers, Huley and sophomore point-guard Bernice Kenney—scored in double figures for the Eagles.

"Bernice really stepped up when we needed her to," said Sellers.

The win over St. Mary's gave MWC players their fourth win in the CAC conference. As of now, the race for second place in the conference is close with three teams tied: York, Salisbury State and St. Mary's. All of these teams have a record of 5-3.

"Our conference is one of the strongest in Division III. Any team can beat any other team at any given time," said Gallahan.

With the conference so competitive, MWC was looking for a much-needed win against the nationally-ranked Gallaudet Bison last night. The Eagles had a 42-34 lead at the half. However, Gallaudet outscored MWC 55-27 in the second half for a 89-69 win.

Gallaudet was led by Ronda Jo Miller, a two-year Kodak All-American, who averages

27.9 points per game, 13.2 rebounds, 3.1 steals and 3.4 blocks this season. She scored 28 points, had 13 rebounds and added three blocks against the Eagles. Miller had a career high of 47 points last year against MWC.

Huley led the Eagles offensively with 17 points and seven rebounds. Sophomore Sarah Seal had a career high 15 points for MWC.

**Next Game: 2 p.m. Saturday  
at Salisbury State.**

MWC	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Rebounds	Points
Seale	0	6	2	2	4	2
Salmin	3	9	0	0	6	6
Huley	5	7	0	1	5	10
Sellers	7	16	0	0	8	17
Kenney	5	13	4	6	8	14
Speldell	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harrington	1	1	0	0	0	0
Hollenbeck	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sullins	1	3	0	2	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>51</b>

St. Mary's	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Rebounds	Points
McCatty	3	8	1	2	8	7
Heffernan	1	6	0	0	3	2
Pearson	6	14	2	3	14	14
Harris	4	11	2	3	2	10
Francis	3	8	1	2	2	10
VanWambeke	0	0	0	0	3	0
Richardson	0	0	0	0	2	0
Ballard	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>48</b>



Diana May/Bullet  
**Jessica Sullins drives toward the basket against St. Mary's.**

## After Fast Start, Men's Basketball Cools Off

Mary Washington Struggling To Find Consistency In The Tough Capitol Athletic Conference

Commentary  
By Geoff White

The men's basketball team struggled last week, losing games to conference rivals Catholic and St. Mary's. The unfortunate aspect of the two losses is that it will make it difficult to win the conference tournament and make the NCAA tournament, which was the team's original goal.

The question that must be asked then is what went wrong? The team started the season strong. At one point, they were nationally ranked, a first for MWC's men's basketball program. However, once the team hit winter break, things seemed to fall apart.

The most obvious answer to the team's problems has been the overall lack of consistency. Defensively, the Eagles have at times looked incredible, but at other times they look rather weak. Perhaps the best example of this

lack of defensive consistency was in the Marymount game. The Eagles held a solid Marymount team, who actually beat third-ranked Catholic team, to 32 points in the first half of the game. The second half, however, was a much different story. Marymount scored at will, totaling 56 points in the second half, and won the game by 10 points. If the Eagles want to win in the post season, they must be more consistent on the defensive end.

Another area in which the Eagles lack consistency is on the scoring end. The Eagles have seen many players have great games. Bobby Frazitta, George Bunch, Anthony Edwards and Phil Klaus have all had some excellent games. Unfortunately, they have not



Diana May/Bullet  
**Phil Klaus has become a major part of the Eagles offense.**

been able to put together great games by more than one player. With only one threat in a game, no matter who that may be, opposing defenses have been able to concentrate on just one

player and eventually beat MWC.

The Eagles still do have some hope for this season. For the season, they are statistically better than their opponents in almost every category. They have clearly showed at times that they can play with any team in the conference. They can play solid defense, they just need to keep it up for 40 minutes. The Eagles also have some great offensive pieces. Hopefully, the pieces can come together for the tournament.

Junior Jay Mahoney still believes in the team's chances. "Although not everything has worked out so far, the real season still lies ahead of us," he said. "We can win the conference tournament, if we play at the top of our game."

The Eagles still have a chance to reach their goal of making the NCAA tournament, but it certainly will not be easy.

**Next Game: 4 p.m. Saturday  
at Salisbury State.**

## Schedule of Events

### Track & Field

Feb. 6: at Swarthmore Invitational, 2 p.m.

### Men's Basketball

Feb. 6: at Salisbury State, 4 p.m.

Feb. 8: at Villa Julie, 8 p.m.

Feb. 10: vs. Goucher, 8 p.m.

### Women's Basketball

Feb. 6: at Salisbury State, 2 p.m.

Feb. 9: vs. Goucher, 7 p.m.

### Riding

Feb. 6: at Hazelwild Farm, 11 a.m.

### Synchronized Swimming

Feb. 6: at Goolrick, 1:30 p.m.





# TENNIS

coach for the men's and women's tennis teams. Currently living in Cincinnati, Ohio, Helbling said that he can't wait until he starts coaching at MWC.

"I wish I was there now; I can't wait. Mary Washington is great, in academics, its facilities, the campus, everything," Helbling said.

The new women's coach, Vander Berg, is a graduate of the University of Virginia and is a USPTA Professional. She has coached tennis at Stafford High School for six years and at James Monroe High School for two years.

Living in Spotsylvania County and working for Fredericksburg Parks and Recreation, Vander Berg has actually taught tennis classes at MWC in the past and is looking forward to beginning in the fall with her new team.



Karen Pearlman/Bullet

Roy Gordon (pictured with last year's team) has coached the Eagles to five CAC titles in the 1990s.

"I cannot put how I feel into words. I'm very anxious," Vander Berg said.

Although they have already begun preparations and recruiting for next

season, both Helbling and Vander Berg will officially begin their coaching duties on Aug. 15 and will be teaching classes starting in the fall.

# Synchronized Swimming Hits Goolrick

By Jamie Deaton  
Bullet Sports Editor

MWC swimmers will be back in Goolrick for a meet this weekend, but this time it will not matter how fast they swim.

With the varsity swim team having a week off to prepare for CAC Championships next weekend, attention will shift to the synchronized swim team.

Goolrick will host its first synchronized swimming meet in nearly 20 years this Saturday at 1:30 p.m. The meet will include the MWC Terrapins, University of Richmond,

William & Mary and Wheaton. MWC's team, like William & Mary's, is a club team.

Despite the team's club standing, the Terrapins are nationally-ranked and will go to the nationals in San Diego the week after Spring Break.

"We want to go varsity eventually," said junior Nikki Matthews.

Most of the members on the team didn't have much experience with synchronized swimming prior to college.

"I signed up freshman year at club carnival," said junior Kelly Morgan. Matthews, however, was on a

synchronized swimming team in high school.

"I started in high school right after seeing it on T.V. during the Olympics," said Matthews.

Judging is based on a number of different categories.

"We get judged on how high we are out of the water. We have artistic impression, technical difficulty; different skills," said Matthews.

A major part of a team's success is how they perform underwater.

"A majority of our moves are upside-down. How long people are underwater have a lot to do with the scores," said Morgan.

# CAC Women's Basketball Standings

	Conference		Overall		Streak
	W	L	W	L	
Gallaudet	7	1	15	3	W14
Salisbury State	5	3	12	6	L3
St. Mary's	5	3	11	6	L1
York	5	3	11	7	W2
Mary Washington	4	4	10	6	L1
Marymount	4	4	12	6	W2
Catholic	1	7	4	12	L1
Goucher	1	7	4	14	L1

# CAC Men's Basketball Standings

	Conference		Overall		Streak
	W	L	W	L	
Goucher	7	1	15	3	W5
Catholic	7	1	14	4	L1
Marymount	5	3	11	6	W2
St. Mary's	5	3	9	8	W1
Salisbury State	5	3	9	8	W2
Mary Washington	3	6	10	8	W1
York	1	7	6	12	L4
Gallaudet	0	9	2	16	L7

# Come Out For Women's Rugby!

Practice is Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 4 p.m.-6 p.m.  
@ the rugby field at the Battleground. No experience is necessary.  
Everyone is welcome to play. Come out and see what it's about!

Any Questions? Please Call Sara at x3156

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Questions? Please Call Jamie Deaton @ x4523

# Give Us Your Opinions:

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to Box 604.



See MWC's ONE AND ONLY synchronized swim team  
Feb. 6 at Goolrick  
1:30 p.m.

# MWC Sports Results

## Men's Basketball

Jan. 27  
Catholic 85 MWC 59

Jan. 30  
St. Mary's 72 MWC 68

Feb. 3  
MWC 82 Gallaudet 79

## Women's Basketball

Jan. 27  
Catholic 85 MWC 59

Jan. 30  
MWC 51 St. Mary's 48

Feb. 3  
Gallaudet 89 MWC 69

## Men's Swimming

Jan. 30  
Washington & Lee 107  
MWC 78

## Women's Swimming

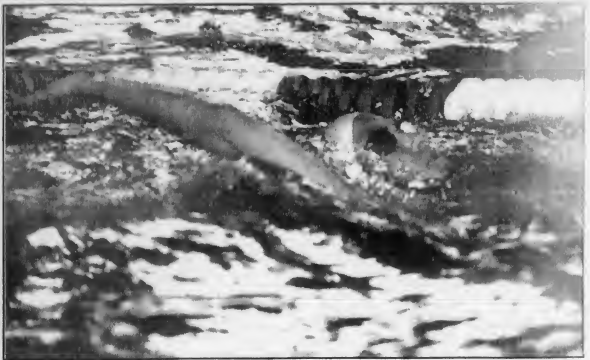
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MWC 116  
Washington & Lee 64

# Athlete of the Week:

## Mariah Butler

## Women's Swimming

Junior Mariah Butler helped lead the Eagles to a 116-64 victory over Washington & Lee with a first-place finish in the 500 free.



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The MWC swim teams will have the week off as they prepare for the CAC Championships.

# CAMPUS RECREATION SCHEDULE - SPRING 1999

EVENT	ENTRIES DUE	START DATE
Innertube Water Polo	Feb. 3	Feb. 7
Dodgeball	Feb. 10	Feb. 12
Badminton	Feb. 24	Feb. 27
Racquetball	Feb. 24	Feb. 27
Bench Press	Feb. 24	Feb. 27
Indoor Soccer	March 17	March 20
Softball	March 17	March 21
Softball Day	March 21	March 21
5 Person Football	March 24	March 27
Ultimate Frisbee	April 1	April 2
Black Top Basketball	April 22	April 23

See The Riding Team's Only Home Show Of The Season :  
Feb. 6 @ 11 a.m. at Hazelwild Farm

# Directions to Hazelwild Farm from MWC:

- Turn left onto Rt. 1 south
- At the fifth light take a right onto Harrison Road
- Follow Harrison Road for about one mile (you will pass over I-95)
- Hazelwild Farm will be on the right

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Learning About Sex In Studio 115

By Tammie Willis  
Bulletin Staff Writer

When Lydie Kane was 9 years old, a boy leaned over and grabbed her pencil. In so doing, he accidentally touched her hand. This incidental or accidental contact sent Kane into a panic because she just *knew* she was pregnant.

However, when she told the boy of his expected fatherhood, he quickly denied having sex with her.

The boy's arguments may have convinced Lydie that he wasn't the father, but Lydie was still convinced she was pregnant.

So off she went to the local priest to inform him she was pregnant with Jesus, and he should prepare for the Second Coming.

"I didn't have a clue about sex," Kane said. "I thought I was the next Virgin Mary."

Now that Kane, a junior English major, has a better understanding about sex, she will share her very personal experiences with an audience in Studio 115 Friday night when she debuts two original monologues.

Kane will explore her confusion about sex in "For the Jesus in Me," while she will use a fictional high school girl, played by junior Natalie Johnson, to talk openly about learning to masturbate in "Learning How to Love Yourself."

In the past, Kane has performed two other monologues written from personal experiences in Studio 115.

She has talked about the issue of buying clothes as a larger woman and discussed the pressure she felt from her mother to have her hair removed in "My Life as a Woolly Mammoth."

"I make fun of myself," Kane said. "I humble myself to make it funny so [the audience] will listen."

According to Julie Hodge, assistant professor and Studio 115 coordinator, Kane "puts it on the line" with her monologues. The experiences that Lydie shares in her monologues are not things that most people would willingly talk about openly.

Kane explained that she shares such personal experiences because it allows her to connect with people,

bringing issues out in the open rather than hiding them away.

She hopes that people will hear her stories and realize that some issues, even masturbation, are universal, and in turn, be able to learn something about themselves.

"I get the impression that there is so much shame in admitting to masturbation or connecting to yourself," Kane said. "It shouldn't be a risky thing to talk about, but women don't talk about it. It's not fair. Men do it all the

Kane wrote "Learning How to Love Yourself" with Johnson in mind, and so far, Kane has not been disappointed. When Johnson read the monologue out loud, she fell right into the role and at one point was laying on a table with a mirror, pretending to examine her self.

"When Natalie read it to me the first time, it was like I hadn't written it," Kane said. "It was like she was telling a story."

While Johnson will act out "Learning to Love Yourself," Kane will read "For the Jesus in Me" herself. "For the Jesus in Me" will discuss the need to talk to children about sex.

Kane explained that no one ever talked to her about sex as a child, which probably led to her confusion.

"The priest told me to go home and ask my mom where babies come from, and mom gave me a book to read," Kane said.

Kane hopes that by sharing her story, she may spare future generations the pain of an experience similar to hers.

While most people probably have not thought of themselves as the Virgin Mary, they have experienced some degree of confusion about the subject of sex.

According to sophomore Janice Duncan, Kane uses humor to talk about things to which most people can relate.

"I love the way Lydie can take a humorous slant to something that we can all relate to back when we were all naive," Duncan said.

Following Kane's performance, Sean Walsh, a freshman, will perform "A Virgin and His Essay" in a reader's theatre style. "A Virgin and His Essay" keeps with Kane's format in the sense that it explores Walsh's experiences in losing his virginity.

"Two Original Monologues" by Lydie Kane and "A Virgin and His Essay" can be seen Feb 5 and 6 in Studio 115 of DuPont Hall. Admission is free.

The performance begins at 8 p.m. but tickets, available on a first come, first serve basis will be available at 7 p.m. For more information call Julie Hodge at 654-1984.



Junior Lydie Kane rehearsing her monologue, "For the Jesus in Me."

Diana May/Bullet

time."

Kane explained that it even took Johnson a while to get comfortable talking about the subject of masturbation. However, after reading the monologue, Johnson began talking about her own experiences.

Soon there was an open dialogue between the two women about the subject. Through this dialogue, Kane and Johnson learned that their stories were very similar.

"This is what I hoped would happen," Kane said. "This is something that everyone thinks about or does. There shouldn't be shame attached to it."

## This Week:



Courtesy of College Relations

## Accomplished Violinist To Play MWC Feb. 10

By Dominique Pastre  
Bulletin Staff Writer

As a historical celebration of the Berlin Airlift, MWC will hold a concert on Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium. Featured in this performance will be German violinist Vivien Hoffman, accompanied by British pianist Jennifer Huntly.

The concert marks the 50th Anniversary of the 1948-1949 Berlin Airlift. Symbolic of the friendship that has developed between the United States and Germany since World War II, Hoffman's performance is intended to celebrate this alliance with classical pieces that embrace the atmosphere of the Second World War.

Beginning in the summer of 1948, the Berlin Airlift was a response to the Soviet attempt to cut off all supplies to Berlin. Over the course of about a year the allied forces of the United States, Britain and France accomplished their humanitarian goal of providing East Berlin with the necessary supplies for survival. On Sept. 30, 1949, the Soviet Union finally lifted the blockade.

Participating countries will be represented and honored in the show. The German efforts will be honored with music by Beethoven, specifically "Sonata Op 47." Russian contributions to this historic event will be respected with Prokofiev's "Five Melodies." Finally, France's efforts will be supported by Darius Milhaud's "Cinema Fantasia."

The internationally recognized Hoffman is famous for her compositions that include long lost works. As a former student of the Mozarteum in Salzburg and the Hochschule für Musik "Hanns Eisler" in Berlin, Hoffman is a European star. Her achievements include both performances as a soloist and as part of acclaimed orchestras. An associate of the Royal College of Music in London, Hoffman ranks with some of the most noted contemporary classical instrumentalists.

Hoffman's recently recorded CD titled "Le Violon de la Mort" comprises the essence of her musical talents and unusual repertoire. Next Wednesday Hoffman will be playing an eighteenth century violin, which was loaned to her by the Maggini Foundation in Switzerland.

Jennifer Huntly, who has also made an impression throughout Europe, has performed as a soloist and as a chamber group member. Her studies have taken her from London to Rome, Vienna to Berlin.

The concert is open to both the community and to the MWC campus and is free of charge.

## Film Femme On Aging Guys We Love

By Chandra DasGupta  
Bulletin Opinions Editor

The great actors of 1999 are over forty, plain and simple. Not only is their art toned to perfection, their laugh lines and crows feet deepen their demeanor with distinction. Most of the younger actors are a dime a dozen. The Brad Pitts, Leo DiCaprios and Johnny Depps are nothing in the presence of the creased faces of truly noble actors. The following are some of the old guys we love.

### Aged to Perfection

My favorite, as many people know by now, is John Malkovich. Malkovich (age 45) has never, and I really mean never, given a bad performance. Many of his co-stars have (think Julia Roberts in "Mary Reilly"), but Malkovich remains a paragon of talent. He has let himself go a bit (weight gain, balding, bad teeth), but the voice remains the same. The voice will never change, that somewhat effeminate growl of perfection. In truth, Malkovich is really so attractive to many because of his talent, rather than his pseudo-uptake appearance.

Next, a close second to Malkovich, is Harrison Ford (56). Harrison Ford is aging so well that I barely hesitate to say that he looks better now than when he was younger. Try watching the original "Star Wars" and "The Fugitive" right after each other. In "Star Wars," Ford is very cute

and sassy, but in "The Fugitive" we get to see how two decades have treated him—and the answer is very well indeed.

Mel Gibson (43) was my original inspiration for this article. As I was watching the trailer for "Payback," it struck me how good Gibson looks these days. I mean, the first "Lethal Weapon" is classic brooding but cute Mel. But as his performances continued into more and more dramatic roles (the climax of which would have to be Zeffirelli's version of "Hamlet"), Gibson has matured while still keeping the boyish charm and somewhat "young" good looks. He is still cute, but the viewer sees no problem in seeing him as the discontented and forlorn Hamlet, or the entangled father in "Ransom," or even the jumbled Unabomber-esque "where's-my-character-going-again?" near-sociopath in "Conspiracy Theory."

### Honorable Mentions

There are some actors that I do not quite deem "aged to perfection," but who are still looking very good. They just have certain hindrances, in my eyes, that make them slightly lesser. The best example would be Kevin Costner (44), who definitely had a prime, and that prime is past. He looked his best in "Dances With Wolves" and "Bull Durham," but the post-"Waterworld" age of Costner is a bit lacking. However, his new movie "Message In A

Bottle" has the potential for making him the lovable dramatic romantic we all know he can be.

Liam Neeson (47) is almost aged to perfection. However, he was not known to the majority of people when he was younger, unless you are a particular fan of the anti-nudity propaganda movie "The Good Mother." He looks good these days, sort of. He looks good in real life, but he is sketchy in his most recent films (think "Les Misérables"). I am anxious for "Star Wars," though I doubt that he'll be that sexy (he'll probably just be cool).

Sam Shepard (55) is my last honorable mention. There really is something about brooding, lanky men with soulful eyes. He is a good actor, but I believe, a sketchy person. He looks really good though, and is aging well. He kind of has a timelessness about his appearance—he looked older at thirty now, in his fifties he looks youthful and studly.

### "Old Geezers"

This is the part where I give my respect and everlasting love to the over-60 crowd. First and foremost in my mind is, of course, Paul Newman (74). He still looks incredible, mainly because he hasn't let

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## WMWC TOP TEN:

Number	Artist	Album
1.	Jon Spencer Blues Explosion	"Acme"
2.	Beck	"Mutations"
3.	REM	"Up"
4.	Ani DiFranco	"UpUpUpUp"
5.	Spiritualized	"Royal Albert Hall"
6.	Fatboy Slim	"You've Come a Long Way Baby"
7.	Fear of Pop	"Vol. 1"
8.	Placebo	"Without You I'm Nothing"
9.	Jason Falkner	"Can You Still Feel?"
10.	James, Colin & the Little Big Band II	s/t

The Top 10 List is compiled by the Music Dept. of WMWC. Questions? Please call The Bulletin at x1133 or WMWC at x1152. Also, don't forget to visit the WMWC web page: <http://www.wmwc.edu/wmwc/>



Students waded in the pool during "Hot Night at Goolrick Gym" last Friday. Students watched "Creature From the Black Lagoon" from the pool and enjoyed other activities such as basketball and volleyball tournaments.

## Coming Attractions...

- **Thursday, Feb. 4:** Gospel Choirs. Derrick Bell. "Psalms of Survival in an Alien Land Called Home," 7 p.m. Dodd Auditorium. Free.
- **Friday, Feb. 5:** Film. "Amistad," 7 p.m. Dodd Auditorium. \$1
- **Saturday, Feb. 6:** Formal Dance, Austrian Empress Ball. In the Faculty and Staff Dining Room. \$10 pair, \$6 single. Questions - call Erin at x3723.
- **Saturday, Feb. 6:** Winter Carnival. Watch human foosball, win cash, eat free. 1 p.m. Great Hall.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 10:** Concert. Blues musician Nap Turner will perform "Langston Hughes' View of the Blues," 7 p.m. Lee Hall Ballroom. Free.



# What Refreshing Beverage Would You Be?

Photos and interviews by Diana May



"A forty ounce Colt '45 because it goes down smooth everytime."

—Mike Clark, junior



"Hawaiian Punch because it's packed with power."

—Chris Vibert, sophomore



"Beast Light. It's low in calories, it's satisfying and has a nice taste when consumed in mass quantities."

—Robb Eidson, sophomore



"Lemonade. It's sometimes sweet and sometimes sour."

—Ginny Tang, junior



"Absinthe because it makes people go crazy."

—Greg Martin, junior

## Renowned Author Derrick Bell To Lecture On Racism Today

By Dax Terrill  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Today's visit by author Derrick Bell to Mary Washington College will not be the first event of the Cultural Awareness Series, but it will be the first to occur during Black History Month.

Bell's visit includes a workshop held in the Lee Hall Ballroom at 3:30 p.m. Also, a performance entitled "Gospel Choirs: Psalms of Survival in an Alien Land" will take place at 7 p.m. tonight in Dodd Auditorium.

A Brooklyn native, Derrick Bell is now the visiting professor at New York University's Law School.

As Harvard Law School's first black tenured professor in 1971, Bell has had a distinguished and at times controversial career.

He first joined the Harvard Law faculty in 1969, but later resigned to accept the position of Dean at the University of Oregon Law School.

Bell returned to Harvard in 1986. However, in 1990, he took a leave of absence to protest their lack of minority female professors.

"Bell is a pioneer by incorporating race into legal theory," said Ametia S. Vashee, the Assistant Dean of the Multicultural Center and one of the people responsible for bringing Bell to the college. "Due to his work, there is a scholarly distinction regarding race in the law."

One way that Bell has been able to affect legal theory is through his writing.

Bell is an author of both scholarly text and fiction. His first books deal almost exclusively with legal writing and issues.

In 1973, Bell wrote his definitive work, "Race, Racism and American Law," which greatly advanced the academic study of the connection



Courtesy of Multicultural Center

Derrick Bell, author of "Race, Racism, and American Law," is coming to MWC.

between racism and legal issues.

Although Bell writes scholastic pieces, his fictional works are best-sellers.

Bell uses fiction to bring the same issues to light for the public that he does for academics.

"The scholarly texts did not put Bell on the map. It was his fiction, especially 'Faces at the Bottom of the Well: The Permanence of Racism,' that did it," Vashee said.

The two events today will deal with Bell's scholarly and fictional works. The first event is a workshop

where Bell will discuss "Faces at the Bottom of the Well."

The workshop is informal, allowing interaction between Bell and the participants.

Bell will begin by giving the audience background information about his life and work. Then the audience can engage in a question and answer session with the noted scholar.

Following the workshop, Bell will host a performance about gospel music.

This event, with more structure than the workshop, will trace gospel

music from the time of slavery to the present day, showing its impact and importance in the black community. Accompanying Bell in the performance is Keith Armstead and The Worship Team, a local gospel group.

Craig R. Vasey, associate professor of classics, philosophy and religion, had a large role in bringing Bell to Mary Washington College.

According to Vasey, Bell's work is not optimistic about the race problem in this country.

"For Bell, racism is a permanent element of our society," Vasey said.

Vasey related one story from Bell's "Faces at the Bottom of the Well" called "Space Trader."

Aliens come down to the United States and say that they can solve all the economic, social and political problems; all the government has to do is give the aliens the black people living in America.

The government must decide what to do and in the end, decides to give the blacks to the aliens.

"America is not committed to blacks, it is only committed to white well being," said Vasey about the point in Bell's story.

The workshop and performance are taking place at 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., respectively. Both are open to faculty and students, and are free of charge.

**Workshop at 3:30 p.m. in Lee Hall Ballroom.**

**"Gospel Choirs: Psalms of Survival in an Alien Land" at 7 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium.**

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himself go in the least, and his blue eyes have lost none of their sparkle. When I saw the preview for "Message In a Bottle," I swooned. Yes, Kevin Costner looks good in it, but Paul Newman will probably steal the movie.

As for Newman's Butch Cassidy, there is always Robert Redford's Sundance Kid. Redford (61) is looking his age, but it still looks good. Actually, I'm not even sure how old Redford really is. So the lighting in "Up Close and Personal" was very delicate for him. Redford's main asset, in my opinion, would be his smile. It's the same smile whether you are watching "The Great Gatsby" or "Barefoot In the Park" or even "Legal Eagles."

Jack Nicholson (61) must be mentioned. He's looked good. He probably will always look good. It's hard for me to say one way or the other a point in his life in which I like him best. It would

be like trying to pick a favorite Beatles song—impossible in the long run. He is Jack, plain and simple.

The last in my list of "geezers" is the wonderful and talented Sean Connery (69). How can 69 not age well? Well, a lot of people said the same kind of thing about Marlon Brando, and look where that turned out. Back to Connery, the fiery Scot appears next in "Entrapment" with Catherine Zeta-Jones (a favorite of the Film Fiend's). "Entrapment" seems to be heavy on the action and adventure, so I'm expecting everybody's favorite James Bond to be back at his finest.

The actors listed above represent the cream of the crop in Hollywood. Not only can they chew scenery like it's nobody's business, but they also put the young upstarts like Leo to shame. I dare say that their asses really are aging like a fine wine.



The man who proved that being grubby and scary can still be sexy, John Malkovich.

If you have ever had sexual contact against your will, you may be eligible to participate in an empirical study on sexual assault and sexual abuse.

Research is underway to learn more about survivors of sexual assault and sexual abuse. Participants will share information about their experiences with a researcher trained as an advocate by the Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault. As a participant, you will receive payment for your time and effort. All information will be strictly confidential.

If you are interested and would like more information, call 654-1557 and ask for Dr. Carole Corcoran or Cindy.

### Quote of the Week:

"I am not a vegetarian because I love animals. I am a vegetarian because I hate plants."

—A. Whitney Brown



Diana May/Bulletin

"A Virgin and His Essay" by Sean Walsh, will be performed on Feb. 5 and 6 in Studio 115 at 7 p.m.

Pictured are freshmen Sean Walsh, Rachel Cain, and Jake Shaffer

### Spring/Summer Employment

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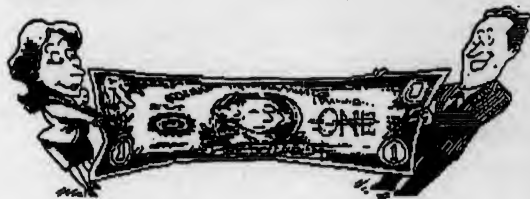
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## Dear Bullette

**Dear Bullette:**

My parents think that I drink too much at college, but I drink a lot less than most of my friends. I can't tell them this though, because then they'll know the kind of people I hang out with. What should I do?  
*Hungover In Russell*

**Bullette:**

Maybe you *are* drinking too much. Just because you aren't drinking too much in the context of college doesn't mean it's not "too much" in the real world. "Real people" really don't get trashed every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Just because your friends do it on Wednesday as well does not mean that you're the better person.

**Dear Bullette:**

I got a condom from the vending machine in my building one night and it was already expired. It really killed the mood. What should I do next time?  
*Getting Some In Willard*

**Bullette:**

Well, I have a couple of suggestions. Perhaps, just to be prepared, you could make that exhausting trip to the Health Center and buy six condoms for a dollar. Hopefully, that will

do for emergencies. Next, tell your RA, AD or HR about expired condoms, and suggest that perhaps the expiration dates be checked regularly.

**Dear Bullette:**

My professor gave me a grade that I don't think I deserved. I feel like he was too harsh for a 100-level course. Should I stop complaining or should I revolt?  
*Cramming In Monroe*

**Bullette:**

My suggestion would be to go to your professor during their regular office hours (don't just show up) and discuss your problem. Remember that many professors do give preference time-wise to the students within their major. If you want to avoid a face-to-face meeting, many professors seem to be riding the e-mail wave. Remember to include your full name, the class and section number that you're in, and explain politely your problem. Also, remember that the professor probably has a doctorate, and thus deserves a little more respect than a blatant question of "Can you please change my grade?" You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.

Any questions for Dear Bullette? Send them in to Dear Bullette, Box 604 or e-mail them to [bullet@mwc.edu](mailto:bullet@mwc.edu)

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they don't care; they cut corners for the extra buck. I don't know who owns Wood catering, but they should open up an insurance agency with Bill Gates and Kathy Lee Gifford.

We choke on the bitter truth, or is that the imitation Starbucks coffee? We put the fat-free ranch dressing on our salads (the lettuce purchased presumably in Nagasaki) and wait, wait in expectation for the rumbling—the churning. Yes, the pressure builds up, slowly, but it builds up for an extended time.

Finally, the race is on. The Seacobeck sprint (soon to be accepted as an eXtreme game) is underway. The intestinal magma surges toward its volcanic crevice. The students pray as the stink of formaldehyde and hamburger/French fry pizza farts float across the biology lab.

Besides the taste bud revolt and the dysentery caused by Seacobeck's cooking (or at least thawing), there is a more serious foe.

The smell—it clings to you. The scent is a combination between Marlon Brando's armpit, dead

starfish and Hopewell, Va. The scent sticks to one's clothing like KISS's facial makeup to an ambitious 17-year-old groupie. Febreze is the only defense mechanism, but it's hard to acquire before the fumes of stench have consumed the garments. There is nothing left to do but burn the clothes; however, HAZMAT prohibits this action.

The students at MWC are in quite a quagmire. It's hard to walk around all day with your digestive track feeling like Zachary Taylor's before his death. His last words were foreboding, "I regret nothing... except eating the cheeseburger soup."

Most likely things on campus are not going to change, except perhaps the name of the school, and it's not as if we can simply eat somewhere else.

Let's just hope that Charlton Heston never discovers the confidential ingredients of the Wood Company's concoctions.

Adam Martin  
Sophomore

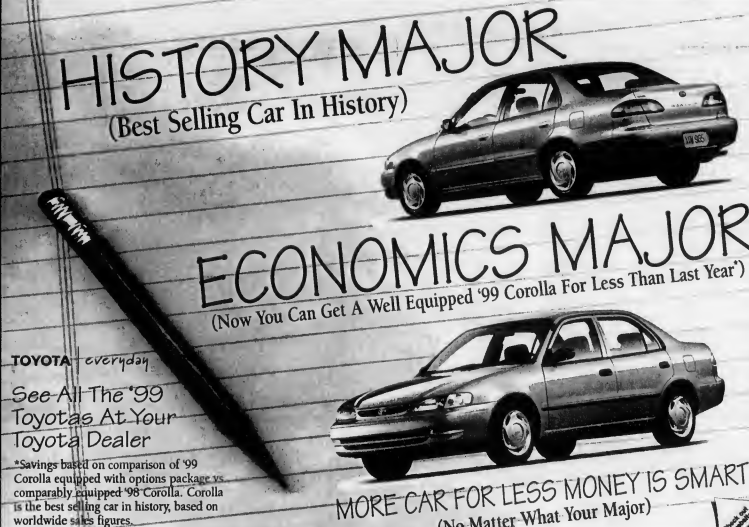
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# Student Government And Faculty Get Pass/Fail Deadline Extended

By Sarah Lucas  
Bulletin Staff Writer

The Student Government Association, working with the faculty, has extended the amount of time students can make up their minds about whether they will take classes pass/fail.

Starting in the fall of 1999, students will have approximately three weeks from the start of classes to decide if they want to take classes for graded credit or for pass/fail credit. Before, students had only about two weeks to decide.

The deadline extension, which was approved almost unanimously by a faculty at its Feb. 3 meeting, came from a Senate motion proposed by senior Chris Hitzelberger, chair of the SGA's Rules and Procedures Committee.

The faculty Committee on Academic Affairs, a decision-making body that includes faculty members from various departments, agreed with the motion after some discussion and decided to turn Hitzelberger's idea into college policy.

Hitzelberger said that he drew up the Senate motion in October after he was prevented from switching the type of credit for a class he was taking.

"I originally signed up for a class last semester and couldn't decide if I wanted it pass/fail. I switched it to graded then I realized that the option to change it back was a very short period of time," Hitzelberger said.

Hitzelberger said that he drew up the



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Senior Chris Hitzelberger came up with the idea to extend the deadline.

motion, which passed by a large majority in an October Senate meeting, because he wanted to give students more time to figure out what options they wanted and how much work they can handle.

"It wasn't really going to hurt anything by extending the deadline," he said. "It will just help the students. My whole goal was to have students be able to get a better feel for their classes before having to decide if they wanted them graded or pass/fail."

Senior Jessica Tenney, chair of the SGA's Academic Affairs Council, took the motion to the Academic Affairs Committee late last fall.

Tenney said that Ellen Chafee, former assistant professor of English, who was the chair of the Academic Affairs Committee at the time, had intended to discuss Hitzelberger's motion soon after the Senate passed it. But because of the ongoing debate over stretch track proposals, the committee had to push discussion of changing the pass/fail deadline to the next meeting.

On Jan. 25, after Chafee had left the school and Brown Morton, assistant professor of historic preservation, took over the job of Academic Affairs Committee chair, the motion finally came before the committee.

According to Tenney, certain members, including Galen deGraff, assistant professor of business administration, said that they did not want a very long extension of the grading credit deadline because they did not want students switching back and forth mid-semester.

Tenney said that she assured committee members that a one-week extension of the deadline was all that was needed, and after that they supported the idea and sent it on to the full faculty meeting for approval.

"All but one [faculty member] voted for it," Tenney said. "There was no discussion."

Hitzelberger and Tenney said that they had not taken any polls to gauge student opinion concerning the motion but many students polled by The Bulletin agreed that like the motion will makes students' lives easier.

"I think it's a good thing," said freshman Trey Crowell. "It just gives you more time to decide what classes you want to take graded."

Sophomore Keith Brockman also supported the deadline extension.

"[The motion] sounds like a good idea," said Brockman. "You don't know if you'll like the class, and it gives you more time to choose."

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presidential bid, spoke about political apathy and low voter turnout.

"So many people in this country are so disgusted by politics that they don't vote," he said. "How do we strengthen democracy? How do we make citizen action enjoyable?"

Nader said that the answer lies in primary and secondary education.

"I never learned in school how to practice democracy. I learned how to believe in it, not to think," he said.

After the hour-and-45-minute speech, Nader answered several questions from the audience. Afterwards students had the opportunity to sign up for mailing lists for his consumer groups and to get copies of his book "No Contest: Lawyers and the Perversion of Corporate Law in America."

Nader's speech was sponsored by the Department of Political Science and International Affairs, the Committee on Academic Resources, the Ecology Club, the Office of Student Activities, the Pi Sigma Alpha honor society and Mortar Board.

Nader was paid \$4,500 and provided with transportation to and from the college in return for his speech.

Stephen Farnsworth, assistant professor of political science, who organized the event, said that he was pleased with student turnout.

"Everyone says that students are apathetic today. When you look at the kind of turnout

this campus had, I don't see that apathy everyone is talking about," he said.

Farnsworth, who worked for one of Nader's organizations while in graduate school, said that Nader offered unique insights.

"Ralph Nader focuses on things that we don't otherwise think about. The idea that we grow up as consumers rather than citizens is powerful, but something that we don't usually think about," he said.

Many in the audience seemed to enjoy Nader's presentation.

"It was inspiring," said senior Vanessa Cardini. "It highlighted the difference one person can make in society, and we don't normally see that."

Senior Rob Martin said that he liked what he believed to be Nader's motivations.

"It's nice to see somebody who is politically active but isn't clouded by the profit motive or the quest for power," Martin said.

Freshman Garrett Hubbard enjoyed the speech.

"He talked about a lot of different issues in a way that everyone could understand but without dumbing them down," he said.

Farnsworth said that Nader's speech was well received by students.

"A lot students came to me and said that they were inspired and encouraged by Nader's talk. It really made them think. And if it did that, it was a great success," he said.

## Ralph Nader talks politics.

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Chirico said that Isely leaving after a relatively short time and Altman recently leaving is a natural occurrence for a center this size with limited opportunities for advancement.

"There are folks who stay in centers for long periods of time. I think that those folks who tend not to probably do find that their interests have either increased or changed," Chirico said.

Isely's decision to leave the college was not abrupt, he said. He

has been involved in both academia and consulting in the past.

As a senior stress management specialist, Isely has been working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a reservist since 1995.

"I have done a lot of consulting work with FEMA and then independent consulting before that and a little bit while I was here, so it is a natural kind of movement toward that," Isely said.

Wagar and Chirico do not foresee

any problems filling both positions.

"You want to be certain that the people that are going to apply for the job accept based on the knowledge that this is a small department and very service-oriented," Chirico said.

Isely said that he enjoyed his time at Mary Washington.

"I always consider it a gift when people sit down and share their lives and that personal part of themselves. I find the work extremely rewarding," he said.

Wagar said that the center is a good

setting for a psychologist.

"I will miss the individuals and the skills that [Isely and Altman] brought," she said. "I am looking forward to creating good opportunities out of the situation. [I'm looking for] people who are excited and energetic about being creative clinically," Wagar said.

For Isely, leaving behind the students will be his biggest loss.

"I have had a great experience here," he said. "I have had so many powerful experiences."

## BOV AGENDA page 1

in other funding areas.

In the Building and Grounds Committee meeting from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., John Wiltenmuth, assistant vice president for facilities services, will talk about the proposed Combs Hall renovation and two construction projects that originated in the college's master plan last year.

"We are just at the start of design,"

Wiltenmuth said of the project to renovate Combs Hall, which used to house the science departments until last year, to house the English, Linguistics and Speech, Historical Preservation and Modern Foreign Language departments.

Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 1999 or the winter of 2000, but lack of finding from Virginia's General Assembly could delay the project. Wiltenmuth will tell the board where the project stands at the moment.

Also, Wiltenmuth will discuss the combined parking deck and fitness facility that the college decided to build on the hill behind Goolrick Hall. The project, which was just one of many ideas the board debated last year as part of their self-titled "master plan" to reshape the campus for the next century, is in its beginning stages. Right now, Wiltenmuth said, the college is trying to draw up a design and hire an architect.

Wiltenmuth said that it is too early to tell what will be included in the new fitness facility, but he does know it will be placed on top of the parking deck.

"I'm sure there would be input from students," Wiltenmuth said.

In the April 23, 1998 issue of The Bulletin, Eddie Smith and Sarah Barber, two architects from the firm that drew

up the master plan, said that the parking deck could cost more than \$3.6 million.

Also, Wiltenmuth said the Building and Grounds Committee will discuss building new tennis courts this summer to replace the 17-year-old courts at the Battleground athletic complex, and

plans to replace the heating systems and add air-conditioning in Mason, Randolph, and Goolrick Halls.

In other business, Meta Braymer, dean of graduate and professional studies, will update the BOV on the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies and curriculum plans for the new campus in Stafford County.

According to Braymer, the state has approved a proposal for a Bachelor's degree in professional studies with concentrations in leadership and computer technology. These are to be different from the business and computer science degrees already offered.

Other curriculum plans Braymer will discuss include new opportunities in distance learning and courses over the Internet, fiber-optics, and video in conjunction with the Southern Regional Electronic Campus, an electronic community of several southern colleges in 15 states.

The schools of the Southern Regional Electronic Campus offer a combined total of over 15,000 courses. Braymer said that the Department of Graduate and Professional Studies will review all the courses offered by the colleges and decide which ones to offer.

## BOV Agenda Highlights

• **Phil Hall**, vice president of academic affairs and dean of the faculty, will discuss the state of faculty recruitment.

• **John Morello**, assistant vice president for academic affairs, will report the status of the faculty handbook.

• **Rick Pearce**, assistant vice president for business and finance will give a status report on fiscal operations for 1998-99.

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